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of the security deposit after obtaining the explanation of the Joint Secretary of the stores. Subsequently when the President of the stores explained the discrepancy and promised to examine the matter in detail and see that such complaints do not recur the Collector cancelled his previous orders."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" Is it in the nature of a fine or in the nature of forfeiture? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" It is in the nature of a forfeiture, Sir."

Alleged petition against Sri Swetaranyam, Sub-Magistrate of Madurantakam.

* 64 Q.—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether Sri Swetaranyam was the Sub-Magistrate of Madurantakam till recently;

(b) whether petitions were received by the Collector of Chingleput district that he was corrupt and that he carried on his activities in the court premises which was also his residence;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Collector transferred him to Ponneri;

(d) whether the Government consider this transfer as sufficient action taken on the petitions received by the Collector; and

(e) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI K. R. KARANTH :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) Yes.

" (c) Yes.

" (d) & (e) The matter is under consideration."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" Are the Government aware that similar complaints were received by the Government against the same person when he was working at Ponneri? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" I am not aware of that, Sir, but on the matter on hand, action is being taken."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the Government have not received complaints against the same person when he was posted to Ponneri? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" I have not got the information, but I shall look into it."

Settlement of ex-army men in Gudapakkam area.

* 65 Q.—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have ordered the construction of twenty dwelling houses, two drinking water wells, and fifteen irrigation wells in the denuded areas of the forest in Gudapakkam;